



Whereas diuers Bakers, Brewers, Inholders, Butchers, and other Victualers through their greedy desire of vnlawfull gain, not contented with reasonable profite in uttering and selling of Victuals vnto our Subjects in the Common-wealth, And specially in our Progressse within y^e Clerge of our Court, where our Nobilitie, Seruants, and Traiue (daily attending vpon our Person) are lodged and placed by our Harbingers, are vnlawfully exacted vpon with vnrasonable and extreme Prices by the said Victualers, enhaunsing the same Victuals, horsemcate, Lodgings, and all other necessaries, at a more deere Price then it was sold for before our comming in Progressse: Therefore our Will and pleasure is, and wee doe hereby straightly charge and command, That euery man doe obey and keepe all such Prices as is and shall be Priced, Assessed, and Rated by the Clarke of the Market of our Household within the Clerge of our Court, aswell within Liberties as without, and the Iurie before him, or his lawfull Deputie, by vertue of his Office, Sworne and charged from time to time: The same Rates and Prices not onely to bee certified by our said Clerke of the Market or his Deputie, into our Compting house; But also fixed & set vpon the gates of our Court and other places within the Clerge, as well within Liberties as without: And that no manner of person or persons of what estate or degree soeuer he or they be, doe in any wise pay more for Corne, Victuals, horsemcate, Lodging, or any other thing, then after the Rate and Forme aforesaid, vpon paine of Imprisonment, and to be fined, with further punishment that shall thereof follow: The same paines and punishments, and euery part thereof to bee executed, aswell vpon them and euery of them which doe or shall presume to utter and sell any manner of thing or things contrary to the true meaning of this our Proclamation, As vpon all those which doe or shall presume to pay any more for any kind of Victuals, horsemcate, Lodging, or any other necessaries, then is or shalbe Rated and Priced as aforesaid.

And moreover we doe straightly charge and command, That no manner of person or persons, now vsing, or which hereafter shal vse, or of right ought to vse, to serue any Citie, Borough, Towne or other place, where our repose & abode is or shalbe, or elswhere, within the Clerge of our Court, aswell within Liberties as without, with any kind of corne, victuals or any other necessaries, aswell vpon the Market day, as at any other time, shalbe any thing the more remisse or slacke in making of provision for the same, then they or any of them now be, or heretofore haue ben, nor vse any colour of craft to deceiue the buyers thereof, nor hide or lay aside the same their Corne, Victuals, horsemcate, Lodgings, or any other necessaries, to diminish the Market; Whereby our whole Traiue, within any Citie, Borough, Towne, or other the Inhabitants of the same, and other our Subjects therein to resorting, should not be aswell serued and as plenteously furnished in euery behalfe, as it was before, or of right ought to haue been, in defraud of this our Ordinance.

And furthermore we straightly charge & expressly command all our Iustices of Peace, our Clerke of the Market, his deputie or deputies, Maiors, Bailiffs, Sherriffes, Constables, and al other our faithfull officers, and euery of them, of Cities, Boroughs, Townes, hundreds, and other places within the Clerge of our Court, aswell within Liberties as without: From time to time, when and as often as neede shall require, (vpon complaint by any partie iustly made) diligently euery of them within their authorities, forthwith to endeaour themselves, to see iust punishment and due Reformation of the premisses, against such person or persons as shall offend herein, according to Justice, and Prices as aforesaid.

Giuen at our Court of Whitehall the tenth of Iuly, in the second yeere of our Reigne of England, France and Ireland, and of Scotland the seuen and thirtieth.

God saue the King.

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